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City-Wide Public Art Opportunities

April 14, 2009 (MINNEAPOLIS)—The City of Minneapolis announces three public-art-related opportunities for neighborhoods, community groups, and arts organizations.

1. First Annual Minneapolis Arts Commission Awards

The Minneapolis Arts Commission will present the first annual MAC Awards at the MOSAIC festival in June. There are three awards:

- Community Involvement in Public Art for stimulating participation in and appreciation of the arts by all city residents, including Minneapolis youth; encouraging cooperation and coordination between artists and various art forms; and inspiring community involvement.
- Award for Celebrating the City through Public Art for contributing to the visual character of the community; fostering the city's sense of spirit, heritage, and diversity; striving for high standards of quality of public art; and creating work that has become a symbol for the city.
- Award for Integration of Public Art in Private Development for integrating public art into a development or redevelopment project in an exemplary way, through the use of public art in urban design; by creating a welcoming and social public space; and by providing opportunities for local artists.

Applications are due April 30, 2009.

[MAC Award Guidelines](#)

2. 2009 Innovative Graffiti Prevention Micro Grant Program

This program, which is sponsored by the City of Minneapolis, Department of Public Works Division of Solid Waste and Recycling, is intended to aid the City in reaching its five-year goal of "A Safe Place to Call Home, Strategic Direction A: Guns Gangs and Graffiti Gone." Although this project is not specifically a public art program, several of the projects funded in 2008 resulted in community murals. An interactive map of those murals can be found at

www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cped/docs/Antigraffiti_Murals.pdf

Applications are due by 4:00 p.m. on April 24, 2009.

[Innovative Graffiti Micro Grant Application Information](#)

3. Approval Process for Painted Public Art Projects on City Property and in the Right of Way

The Minneapolis Arts Commission, City of Minneapolis Art in Public Places, and the Department of Public Works announce a new approval process for painted public art projects on City property and in the Right of Way.

Over the past several years, the City of Minneapolis has received requests from citizen groups and non-profit organizations to paint art on city sidewalks, streets, waste-containers and utility (signal boxes). To streamline the process of reviewing requests, the City is piloting a review process that includes two different review cycles to accommodate projects that will occur in the spring, summer and fall of this year.

Please note: The City does not provide funding to these types of public art projects. The focus of this selection process is solely the approval of requests from community groups to do such projects on City property at their own expense.

Applications are due April 30 and June 26, 2009.

[Guidelines, Deadlines and Informational Meeting](#)

For more information on these opportunities, contact Mary Altman, Public Arts Administrator, 612-673-3006, mary.altman@ci.minneapolis.mn.us.